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Terry Goddard to Promote Internet Safety at Techathalon

(Phoenix, Ariz. – Nov. 3, 2006) Attorney General Terry Goddard will appear at the fourth annual Techathalon at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, to promote Internet Safety and announce the 2006 winners. The event will be held at the Boys & Girls Club Gilbert Branch, 44 N. Oak Street in Gilbert.

The Techathalon, sponsored by the Boys & Girls Clubs Arizona Alliance, is a statewide competition that brings together young people from across Arizona to showcase their technology skills. This year's challenges include Computer Construction (rebuilding a computer), Movie Challenge (creating and editing an original movie), Puzzle Fanatics (math, computer programming and logic) and Journey to Techathalon (multimedia project).

"In a world where technology knowledge is vital, the Boys & Girls Clubs are providing computer labs, Internet Safety classes and competitions to children who may not have a computer at home," Goddard said. "They are providing invaluable life skills to our children in a fun and exciting way."

This day-long program begins at 9 a.m. Participants range in age from 6 to 18 years old. The groups will be assigned to age-appropriate projects and will be judged on the overall quality of the project, their ability to meet required guidelines, teamwork and collaborative skills.

In addition to the competition, participants will explore cutting-edge technology tools in the Exploratorium, a fun-filled science, technology, engineering and math carnival.

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